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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS

1. AT AUGUST 23 MEETING OF C-24, REPRESENTATIVES OF OAU, CUBA, SIERRA LEONE, AND BULGARIA ADDRESSED THE ITEM ON "FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS" AS FOLLOWS:
OAU REPRESENTATIVE OUATTARA REPORTED THAT IN JULY THE OAU HEADS OF STATE DECIDED THAT, IN SPITE OF OR BECAUSE OF THE GOOD RELATIONS THEY MAINTAIN WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES, IT WAS THEIR DUTY TO CRITICIZE THEM, NAME THEM, AND CONDEMN THEM "BECAUSE OF THEIR REFUSAL TO TAKE CONCRETE AND POSITIVE MEASURES TO FORCE THE CORPORATIONS HAVING HEADQUARTERS IN THESE COUNTRIES TO DISCONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." OUATTARA SAID THAT THE US, FRANCE, FRG, AND JAPAN WERE CONDEMNED BY NAME. CUBAN MISOFF SALADO CONDEMNED FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN "TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION," INCLUDING PUERTO RICO. (SALADA REMARKS ON PUERTO RICO SENT SEPTEL). STATING THAT WESTERN NUCLEAR POWERS DEPEND UNCLASSIFIED

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ON NAMIBIAN URANIUM, HE WARNED THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO

PERPETUATE THEIR CONTROL OVER IT; HE ALSO STATED THAT "ONE US COMPANY CONTROLS EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE PRODUCTION OF BASIC MINERALS (BASE METALS?) IN THE COUNTRY." SIERRA LEONE MISOFF NICOL CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN NAMIBIA, AND ALSO CRITICIZED THE DOMINANT ROLE OF UK, US, AND CANADIAN FIRMS IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS AND BERMUDA.

BULGARIAN MISOFF GARVALOV STRESSED THAT "THE BIG IMPERIALIST MONOPOLIES CONTROLLED BY CERTAIN WESTERN STATES ARE GIVING DIRECT SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE" TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA, AND EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA USING NAMIBIAN URANIUM TO INCREASE ITS NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.

2. THE AUGUST 24 MEETING OF THE C-24 WAS LARGEY DEVOTED TO AN ACRIMONIOUS EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND THE RUSSIANS.

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